

Delaware Preschool Development Grant (B-5) July Update

Delaware continues its work on the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) through the collaboration of the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Social Services, and the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families.

In July, Delaware contracted with global professional services firm Ernst & Young-Parthenon (EY) to help our state agencies improve and strengthen the state's early childhood mixed delivery system. We are excited to kick off work on our user experience and data systems needs assessments.

To start this 13-week project, a team will interview families of children 0-5 years old and learn from early learning professionals to uncover unmet needs and opportunities. Ultimately, this information will be used to design a better early learning system – we are committed to making changes to our services and programs that are grounded in the true needs of our children and families.

Please help us reach out to families to learn more about their experiences in our early childhood system, or if you are a part of family with young children, please help us with our research by visiting our [user experience needs assessment website](#).

We will share ongoing opportunities to engage with the team through email and on the PDG B-5 website as they are scheduled.